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SUBJECT: GUZMAN HAS SECOND CONVERSATION WITH BALAGUER, MEETS  
WITH SENIOR MILITARY

REF: A) SANTO DOMINGO 2913

1. PRESIDENT-ELECT ANTONIO GUZMAN MET WITH PRESIDENT  
BALAGUER LAST NIGHT FOR NEARLY AN HOUR AT THE PRESIDENTIAL  
PALACE. THIS WAS THE SECOND TIME SINCE THE ELECTION THAT  
THEY HAVE MET (REF A).

2. GUZMAN TOLD REPORTERS AFTER THE MEETING THAT HE AND  
BALAGUER HAD TALKED OF "GENERALITIES, NOT SPECIFICS."  
ASKED IF THE LEGAL CHALLENGES TO THE MAY 16 ELECTIONS BY  
SOME OF BALAGUER'S SUPPORTERS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED, GUZMAN  
REPLIED NEGATIVELY. GUZMAN ALSO EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT  
HE WOULD ASSUME POWER ON AUGUST 16, AND REVEALED THAT  
PRESIDENT BALAGUER HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE DOORS OF THE  
PRESIDENTIAL PALACE WOULD ALWAYS BE OPEN TO HIM. BALAGUER  
ALSO AUTHORIZED HIM TO CALL ON GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS  
FOR INFORMATION HE MAY REQUIRE.

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3. THIS IS SECOND SIGNIFICANT MEETING GUZMAN HAS  
HAD THIS WEEK. ON WEDNESDAY, THE PRESIDENT-ELECT MET  
WITH HIGH MILITARY LEADERS, INCLUDING SECRETARY OF THE  
ARMED FORCES BEAUCHAMP AND CHIEFS OF STAFF OF THE ARMY  
AND AIR FORCE. GUZMAN TOLD REPORTERS AT CONCLUSION OF  
MEETING WITH GENERALS THAT IT HAD BEEN "CORDIAL" AND

THAT THEY HAD ASSURED HIM THEY WOULD RESPECT THE FINAL  
ELECTION RESULTS AS ANNOUNCED BY CENTRAL ELECTORAL BOARD.  
IN GUZMAN'S SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, HE WAS  
GIVEN SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION TO MEET WITH POLICE CHIEF, GENERAL  
NEIT NIVAR.

4. COMMENT: REACTION TO GUZMAN'S MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT  
AND WITH SENIOR MILITARY HAS BEEN POSITIVE. THESE MEETINGS  
ARE VIEWED AS HELPING TO ALLAY CONTINUING CONCERNS CAUSED BY  
REFORMISTA PARTY LEGAL MANEUVERS AGAINST ELECTION RESULTS.  
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